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TO AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

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E.O. 11652: N/A.

TAGS: ASUP EC/ACOM

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT PABX SYSTEM GUAYAQUIL

REF: GUAYAQUIL OM TO OC JULY 15, 1975

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO STANDARDIZE TELEPHONE PABX AND STATION EQUIPMENT IN ALL OVERSEAS POSTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THIS REDUCES THE NEED TO STOCK MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT, BETTER SECURITY, AND EASIER MAINTENANCE.

A 50 LINE EPABX REPLACEMENT SYSTEM FOR GUAYAQUIL WAS INCLUDED IN RECOMMENDATIONS TO FBO FOR FY77. AS WAS THE CASE IN THE EMBASSY, THIS WOULD BE AN AMERICAN MADE SYSTEM AND INSTALLED-MAINTAINED BY OC.

THE TECHNICAL FACILITIES HANDBOOK STATES IN SECTION 510.2-3 3 PARA.-F: ALL PROPOSALS FOR LOCAL PROCUREMENT MUST BE SENT TO OC AND RCO FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO EXECUTING A CONTRACT. APPEARS THIS WAS NOT DONE BY THIS POST, AND RECEIPT OF REFERENCE OM WAS SURPRISE TO ALL.

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THEREFORE, WISH TO BE ADVISED SOONEST OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. CAN THE PRESENT CONTRACT BE CANCELLED AT NO COST TO THE US GOVERNMENT.
2. IF NEGATIVE, WHEN IS THE EQUIPMENT TO BE DELIVERED, INSTALLED, AND OUT INTO SERVICE?
3. WHO IS TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND WHAT ARE THE ANNUAL COSTS.

REQUEST AN EARLY REPLY. ROBINSON

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